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June 2018

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Parish News

SYMPATHIES Very sadly, Peter Ketteringham of Manthorpe died on 6 May. Peter was 74 years of age and died peacefully at home. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peter's wife, Glynniss, and their family.

WELCOME Mr & Mrs Andy Whitworth who moved into 16 High Street, Swinstead. We hope you will enjoy being part of our community.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Jo Darley on the birth of their daughter, Lucy, born 3 May. First grandchild for Hazel and Andy Darley.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christian Setchell, Jessica Langman, Daisy Smith-Maxwell, Isabella Beatty, Isobel Fox, and Simon Brown on your confirmation on 13 May at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill by Bishop Norman. May God Bless you all.

CONGRATULATIONS to Verity and Richard on the birth of Thomas on 5 May, weighing 9 pounds 2 ounces. First grandchild for Lynne and Kevin O'Hara of Witham on the Hill.

CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Rine on the birth of her granddaughter Daisy May.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped at the St Andrew's working party in preparation for the Bishop's visit. Well done to those who polished and vacuumed the Church, those who weeded, strimmed and mowed the Churchyard, and to those who provided endless cups of tea and coffee! Thank you all. The Church looked magnificent.

THANKS The Smuggler Jack Duo played at Swinstead and raised £331.35 for the church funds. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6 and 20 June, 10.30am - 12 noon, Swinstead Village Hall.

Tea / Coffee and Cakes - £2.00 - All Welcome.

Saturday 9 and 23 June, 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall. Pub Games and Social Evening. All Welcome, no cover charge - darts competition

Monday 11 June, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall. WOTH Historical Society AGM.

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Thursday 14 June, 26 July, 16 August, 13 September, 18 October, 15 November, 13 December, **11am, St Andrew's Parish Hall**. Bible study followed by a simple lunch at noon – donations to Christian Aid.

Saturday 16 June, 9am, Witham on the Hill Bywells and Stocks Clearance. In preparation for the cycle race. Come along and help to tidy the area – the more the merrier! Many hands make light work! Please bring gardening tools & gloves.

Sunday 17 June, 10am to noon, St Mary's Church Swinstead. Café Church, bacon butties on offer!!

Friday 22 June, Grimsthorpe Castle. English choral music by St Peter's Singers. Tickets £13 - an 'Early bird' saving if purchased before 1st June - thereafter £15, to include interval canapés and a glass of fizz! See main advert in this magazine for full details.

Saturday 30 June, Edenham Village Hall. Steam Action is holding its annual family fun day at Edenham Village hall on Saturday 30th June, we are looking for raffle and tombola donations, and still have room for any last minute stall holders! Please speak to Nikki Gunn on 07908 111690. We hope to see you all on the day!

Saturday 30 June, Swinstead Village Hall. Summer BBQ - Please see posters around the village and Swinstead Village Hall Facebook page for further details.

Saturday 7 July, 8-11am, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Big Brekkie - donations to Christian Aid. Come and start your day with a Father Andy special!

Saturday 14 July, The Vicarage Edenham - **CHANGE OF DATE******
Garden Fete - more info to follow.

Sunday 15 July, National Junior Road Race Championships. The boys race starts at 10am, ending about 12.45 & the girls race at 2pm finishing about 4pm - see next page for further details.

Monday 9 July, 2.30pm, WOTH Historical Society visit – Prebendal Manor, Tithe Barn and gardens, Nassington, PE8 6QG £8.00 per person. Optional afternoon tea with cake £4.70 per person. Please book via Sue Cork, stating if you require the tea.

Thursday 26 July, Swinstead Village Hall. Church Garden Fete.



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Wednesday 5 September, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall. WOTH Historical Society talk by Stuart Orme: "An Introduction to Peterborough Cathedral" The remarkable history of the Cathedral and its site, including what goes on behind the scenes, revealing the 900-year-old story of this remarkable institution and its place in the city. Members £2, visitors £3.

NATIONAL JUNIOR ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 15 July starting and finishing at Witham on the Hill. The boys race starts at 10am, ending about 12.45 & the girls race at 2pm finishing about 4pm. There will be **NO parking on the road through the village**, & cones will be placed on the verges. Visitors to the event will be charged to park at Witham Hall School but any residents wishing to use the school parking facility will be issued with a voucher for free parking, which will be distributed prior to the event. The road will be closed to through traffic for a short time at the start and end of each race. The route is from Witham to Little Bytham, Careby, Ryhall, Essendine, and back to Witham.

Witham on the Hill Parish Hall Management Committee and St Andrew's Church congregation are planning to maximise this event with activities on the village green, in the Church & Parish Hall. It is planned to provide teas and cakes, to run a tombola & various other stalls. Grasmere Farm butchers will have their outside catering vehicle on the green, the Bull Inn at Rippingale will provide an outside bar and Gino's ice cream van will be in attendance. It is hoped that there will be various stalls in the Church.

Offers of help would be greatly appreciated on the day – please contact Janet Kirkwood. It is estimated that there could be 600 visitors, so lots of cakes will be needed! Please give your offers of cakes to Elaine Brock in Bottom Street, Doreen Higgins in Main Street, Jane Clark at the East end of the village, and to Sue Hartley in Manthorpe. Also, items for the tombola would be greatly appreciated. There will be a Hall Management meeting, in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, on Wednesday 13 June at 7pm, so do go along to offer any help or suggestions.

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THE VICAR WRITES

Edenham Church of England School has played a very large part in my life for the past thirty years. I have been a governor all that time, our five children attended, as have three of our grandchildren and Siân, my wife, who has taught there for twenty-four years! On average I spend around two hours a week with the children in addition to the work of a governor (which has increased over the years). To my mind this is a good use of my time and peculiar talents.

Recently assisted by another governor, I interviewed groups of children from every class to assess their understanding of the Christian Faith. In one conversation I posed the children this question: 'Did they ever hear anything about the Christian Faith outside of school?' They thought about it for a while and then came to a pretty firm conclusion that they didn't. This came as no surprise to me but I anticipate it might to some readers.

It is the law that all schools should hold an act of collective worship (assembly) every day and that this should be 'mainly Christian'. For many schools this has become an opportunity to share news, to celebrate achievements and sometimes something like a 'thought

for the day'. It can, at best, provide an opportunity for quiet reflection.

There is nothing wrong with any of the above but it begs the question 'where will children learn the Christian Faith?' I know that I learnt about Jesus, prayer and the qualities of Christian life through the daily school assemblies. I could have answered the question I put to the Edenham School children in the same way. England of the late 1950's and 60's was in many ways as secular as it is now – except in education.

My contemporaries and I simply soaked up the Faith through the hymns we sang, the stories we heard, the anthology of the classic prayers that were used and the general ethos of school life. Contemporary children do not experience this – except very rarely.

This means that England is becoming a society of all faiths and yet none. Some would say that of all the faith communities, the Christian community is the one most prejudiced against – indeed recent court cases have fined street preachers for being a public nuisance and traditional Christians are singled out as conservative bigots.

It's a fairly hostile environment these days for individuals who practise the

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Faith. The media seems to always spin everything in any way against Christianity and even soap operas (which help form social attitudes in a powerful way) generally portray practising Christians as mad or bad!

The silver lining in all this for the Christian Faith is that many people are now a blank sheet with regards to Christianity. The lack of knowledge does open up individuals to a genuine thirst for knowledge and understanding. It is also the case that there is in each person a 'God-shaped gap' – a spiritual hunger. The Christian church exists to provide the Bread of Life and the Living Water that is knowing Christ. My prayer is that our parish churches may continue and offer this spiritual food and that Edenham School may continue to be a community where Jesus is front, centre and middle of all things.

THE EARLY HOURS

The early hours of the morning can be a lonely place. I don't know if you are the same as me in that as you get older your sleep patterns change. You catnap during the day, so that at night you cannot sleep so well. You might manage five hours or less and then you are more awake than during certain times of the day. I often find

myself at three or four in the morning watching strange programmes on the television, reading, writing and eating toast accompanied by mugs of tea or coffee. The result of all this is that your body clock, to say nothing of your daily timetable, gets thrown out of that which is considered to be normal. So, what is the answer? Well, you could take more tablets, not a good idea. Or you could adopt a new pattern of life. In other words, let the daylight catnaps happen, don't fight them and fill your waking hours with a constructed pattern of things to do. I do remember that the early morning hours were good for writing sermons. That task no longer falls to me but there are others to fill that slot. This article, for instance, was written at the time when dawn was due to break. I know I am not the only person whose pattern of life has changed and I also know that learning to accept the change is not easy and at times can be very uncomfortable. What works for one person will not necessarily be right for somebody else. That is a given fact but what is not given is the willingness to change or even accept the fact that we need to change our pattern of life. Whatever your answer may be, I wish you all the best.
Fr David Bratley

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GENTS

1st Mrs A Blanchard
2nd Mrs E Brewster
3rd Mrs G Stanford

LADIES

1st Mrs M Imminck
2nd Mrs B Carter
3rd Mrs V Curtis

The raffle winners were Mrs M Imminck, Mrs B Carter, Mrs E Brewster, Mrs P Cranfield, Mrs A Blanchard and Mrs G Stanford. I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the season and for all those who have donated prizes. We hope to start again in September.

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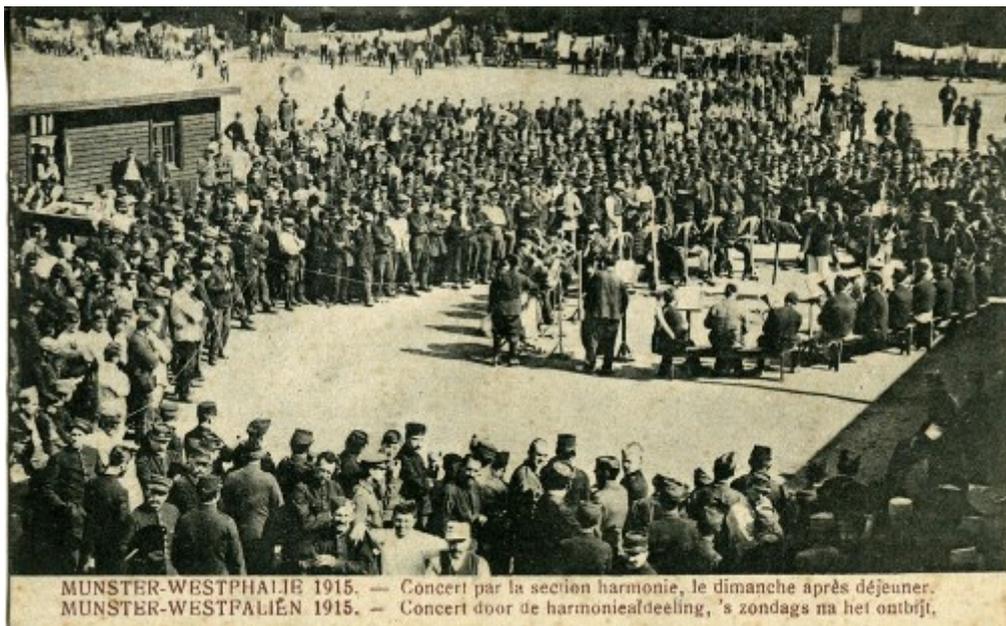
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100 years ago this month

(From entries made by the Rev L H Cooley into the Parish Magazine—
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June 1918

Prisoners of War. - On the eve of Whitsun Day (18th of May) after eight weeks of suspense Mrs. Haslam received news of her husband, 2nd Lieut. C. Haslam, who as we stated last month, had been missing since the German offensive on March the 21st. It appears that he was taken prisoner on that day, after having been severely wounded. We are thankful indeed to record this good news, and to know that he is progressing favourably. He testifies to the skilful treatment of the German surgeons who operated upon him, and says that he has received every care, and hopes soon to have quite recovered from his wounds. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe have also heard direct from their son, 2nd Lieut. L. Metcalfe, who is well and comfortable. Both these letters took six weeks in coming from Germany, though in Mr. Metcalfe's case a telegram from Geneva was received a full month before the arrival of the letter, to relieve his parents' anxiety.



Killed in Action. - We deeply regret to have to record the death in action last month of Pte. Charles Wells, the second of Mr. James Wells' sons to make the great Sacrifice. He has thus lost three sons within two years, and not long previously his wife. We venture to extend to him and his family our deep sympathies in their bereavement. Pte. Wells leaves a widow, who is living at Huddersfield. R.I.P.

Charles E Wells - Rank: Private; Service No: 26285; Date of Death: 10/04/1918
Age: 34; Regiment/Service: North Staffordshire Regiment 8th Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 124 to 125 and 162 to 162A.

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL:

Additional Information: Son of James Wells, of Cross Rd. Cottage, Manthorpe, Bourne, Lincs.; husband of Nellie Wells, of 19, Thornhill Rd., Marsh, Huddersfield



Flags in Church. British flags flanked by those of France and the United States have been placed in position over the high altar. Thus they typify our prayers for God's blessing upon our arms and those of our Allies when we offer the Holy Sacrifice Sunday by Sunday, at our solemn service of Intercession.

Y.M.C.A. - A collection was made in the parish last month by Miss Evelyn Rawlins and Miss Lily Smith in connection with the Bourne Y.M.C.A. Week, which resulted in a sum of £2/2/3. In addition the school children subscribed 5/-.

We have also received an urgent appeal for help from the Church Army, which has lost over 100 of its huts in the recent offensive on the Western Front. The Vicar has promised, subject to the consent of churchwardens, to have a special collection for this object during this year.



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Notes from the Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe Annual Parish Meeting

At the Annual Parish Meeting held at Toft Country House Hotel in April, Janie McCormick, who was responsible for fund raising for St Barnabas Hospice, gave a report on how it delivers end of life care and support. The charity was one which the parish supports with an annual grant.

Cllr Richard Stephenson gave a report on what the Council had done during the year and the Clerk gave a draft report on the finances. For more information please go onto the parish website.

The Parish Council meeting then took place. The major concern was lack of filling in potholes/roadside breakup. Councillors gave grants of £335 each to the Church, Edenham School, Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, St Barnabus Hospice, British Legion, LIVES and Willoughby School. It was agreed that the Council would purchase two wall-mounted wooden framed noticeboards. The Clerk gave an update on the Council's position on

the General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25th May.

D.Cllr Martin Wilkins reported that he had £1,000 to spend within his ward to help support grassroots projects. If you would like more information please contact SKDC's Members Support Assistant on 01476 406430.

It was agreed to organise a First Aid Course for residents of Toft, Lound & Manthorpe in the autumn. It would involve how to deal with any emergency, accident or injury, emergency life support procedures and conclude with a defibrillator demonstration. If you would be interested please contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

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Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 8th May 2018

Annual Parish Meeting: The chairman welcomed 3 members of the public and PCSO Stuart Bowden (Lincs Police) to the meeting along with all parish councillors. Minutes of previous meeting read and signed a true record.

It was reported that the much-needed pothole repairs along Scottlethorpe Road had recently been funded by a local businessman and that this work had been much appreciated by local residents - Secretary to write letter of thanks. Excess water runoff onto Scottlethorpe Road between Jasmine Cottage and Tumblerow Farm was reported again - report to Highways Dept. PCSO Stuart Bowden gave a brief update on manning issues with the Rural Beat Team and that following his improved health and recent staff recruitment he hopes to be able visit the parish more frequently. He also highlighted the need for all suspicious activities/ vehicles to be reported using the Police 101 tel no. All parishioners are reminded that the Open Forum at each Parish Council meeting is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors. Details can be obtained by contacting

the parish clerk at edenham.pc@btinternet.com – or contacting any of your current councillors.

Parish Council Meeting: Election of Officers: Chairman - Cllr R Biggs - Vice Chairman - Cllr Cranfield

Children's Play Area: Initial works carried out to replace several wooden posts completed. Play Surface contractor aims to commence works by mid May. However, play area will not be open until the new seeded grass has become established - possibly mid to late July. Unfortunately, some of the equipments steel chains have been stolen! has anyone seen anything or anyone acting suspiciously in the playing field? please let the council know. The Police are aware.

Has anyone seen SID? The Parish now has a new member of its safety team with SID (Speed Indicating Device) operating along the A151 in Edenham and Grimsthorpe. He is moving about the area hoping to encourage drivers to obey the speed limits so you never know where he will be. Initial data downloads make interesting reading - not only in vehicle speeds but the sheer volume of traffic we are experiencing.



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Hopefully this capability will give strong support in any future road safety issues the council have to raise with Lincolnshire Highways or Police. Again, the council must highlight that the equipment would not have been possible without grant funding from the National Lottery 'Funding for All' Scheme.

Planning: Application S18/0228 (retrospective) CCTV Mast, Grimsthorpe North Gateway - No Objections/Comments. Application S18/0169 - Mr T Blanchard, Agricultural Building, Elsthorpe Lodge, Elsthorpe - Permission Granted.

Financial Matters:

- i. Cheques signed;
 - a. Clerks Admin Expenses 2017/18 - £51-36p
 - b. Insurance Policy renew - £248.10p
- ii. NALC Recommended Pay Scale for Clerks 2018/19 accepted - award granted.
- iii. Annual Accounts/Bank Reconciliation/Internal Audit for year 2017/18 accepted and approved. (see Parish Website)
- iv. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 completed and approved (see Parish Website).

General Data Protection Regulations: The council has now adopted the policies and documentation recommended by the NALC/LALC to meet the requirements of the Regulations. These details along with Privacy Notices can be found on the Parish Website.

Highways: The issue of potholes was again raised and individuals are reminded that the Lincolnshire County Council website (<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>) has a Highway Defect Reporting section which anyone can use to report any problems with the highways. The website also holds a lot of information on Lincolnshire Highways such as planned works/ road closure etc, so please take the opportunity to **report any Highway issue** you come across.

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th July, 2018 commencing at 7:30pm.

Council Meetings take place on the second Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov in Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm.



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with Pyrography by local artist Norma McCall.



Peter Nelson, based in Ingoldsby, has exhibited nationally and internationally with the UK Coloured Pencil Society. In 2013 he first took to the clean, dry medium of coloured pencils when traveling in a camper van, intrigued by the potential offered by the range of techniques, pencil types and variety of papers. Although varied, his subjects, often rendered with a photo-realist aesthetic, fall into the themes of coastal, animal portraiture, botanical and decayed man-made structures.

Judith Selcuk, based in Worcestershire, is primarily a coloured pencil artist although she also works in ink, paint and pastel. Her work is collected widely in the UK and abroad. She has published seven art books that are sold internationally, has featured in many magazines articles and tutorials and takes part in several Artist in Residence programmes in Britain. Judith is inspired by nature and has a particular eye for heightened colour and likes to include this in her art.

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He told us he wouldn't allow his wife to shop at Tesco's because he had had a fight with an employee over 6 cases of peas!

After he was made redundant he delivered flowers to Brighton. He then bought a lorry and did furniture removals and he told us a number of stories about his experiences. He was helping a lady to move and, when he realised she was going to have a difficult journey to the new house, he let her travel in the back of his lorry on her sofa with her pet parrot!

He got stuck under a low bridge and had to fill the lorry with 25 people to weigh it down but then drove off with them still in the back! He was

conned by a man who purported to be a retired Naval Commander and was actually a discharged able seaman. Len has officially retired but still drives minibuses occasionally.

Vote of thanks was given by Melanie Russ. Kaye Mundy won the raffle. The competition for a dinky toy was won by Trudy Templeman, Susan Peskett 2nd and Susan Allen 3rd.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th June when Helen Philips will talk about "The search for the real Pashmina." For further information contact Jane Clark, Secretary, 01778 590232.



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1 ½ lb rhubarb

8oz strawberries

5oz sugar

3 tablespoons plain flour

4oz plain flour

2oz brown sugar

2 teaspoons granulated sugar

½ teaspoon cinnamon

2oz butter

2oz walnuts, toasted & chopped

Slice the rhubarb into ½ inch chunks. Cut strawberries in half. Sprinkle with flour & sugar & toss to cover. Leave to stand in dish until slightly moistened. Mix flour, sugars & cinnamon. Rub in butter to form breadcrumb like texture. Stir in walnuts. Level the top of the rhubarb mixture. Cover with crumble topping. Bake 190c for 40 mins until golden & juices bubble around the edges. Serve with custard, cream or ice cream.

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Thursday 7 th June		7.30pm Service of prayer for healing.	
Sunday 10 th June 2 nd After Trinity	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 4pm Community Songs of Praise in Witham Hall Gardens.	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel
Sunday 17 th June 3 rd After Trinity	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel
Sunday 24 th June St John the Baptist	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel
Sunday 1 st July 5 th After Trinity	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel

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